

PUTNAM BRADLEE STRONG OFF

**PAWNEE MAY VOHE'S DIAMONDS,
HER LAWYER SAYS.**

Apparently Won't Marry Her on Sept. 26 as Arranged — Another Woman Said to Have Dined on the Late Mayor's

Putnam Bradlee Strong, the late Mayor William L. Strong's son, who shocked his friends and his family two years ago by throwing up his commission in the army after seeing active service in the Philippines and by running away with May Yohe, then Lady Francis Hope, has now deserted the actress for whom he gave up his family.

his career and his friends. In two months he was due to carry out a promise made to May Yohé to marry her. Under the English law that Lord Francis invoked in his behalf, his divorce does not become absolute until Sept. 26, and on that day, it had been arranged, Strong and Miss Yohé were to become man and wife. In the meantime they were said to be living under a form of contract signed by each.

Strong disappeared on Tuesday afternoon last after a luncheon given at Dal-

monico's is his companion of 20 years', wandering over the face of the earth. Now that he has gone, it is alleged that he has been supporting himself and Miss Yohé for the past few months on the proceeds of visits to pawnshops with May Yohé's diamonds. Enamored Friend, counsel for Miss Yohé, declares positively that he has already discovered the microchips of \$100,000 worth of Miss Yohé's jewelry which had been pledged by Strong. The total amount secured on this, he says, was \$10,000. Until tomorrow morning it will be impossible to tell just how much of the jewelry Strong

Whether Strong took the jewelry or not, it is a fact that before making up his mind to disappear he wrote her a note, which he sent by special messenger, telling her that he had done so, and that he had made up his mind to go and kill himself. At the same time he wrote a note to her father, who was at the time with her daughter, Mrs. Albert R. Shattuck, at the latter's summer home in Lenox, Mass. In this

letter Strong read his mother that he was sick of life, that he had existed as long as he could on the proceeds of Miss Yoh's diamonds and that he was going to commit suicide. Mr. Friend is authority for the statement that Strong inclosed in the letter to his mother the key to the safe deposit vault where he kept Miss Yoh's jewelry and also inclosed a large number of pawn tickets. Mrs. Strong and the Shuttucks are still at Lenox, but they will read the letter to Mr. and Mrs. Strong with them.

The Pinkerton Detective Agency has been retained to try to find Strong, but it is not believed that any criminal action is contemplated against him. The Pinkertons are said to have been retained jointly by Mr. Shattuck, acting for Mrs. Strong, and by James E. Reid, acting for Miss

Yoho. Their instructions are to find the young man, and once they find him corner him and keep him until his family can catch up with him. When that moment comes, the Strong family will decide what their next move will be. Last night a representative of the Pinkerton agency, which, by the way, had denied all day long that it was looking for Strong, admitted that it

Miss Yohe refrained yesterday from making any charges or saying any unkind things about Strong. She left all that to her lawyer. Attired in wondrous kimono of soft silk and surrounded by the collection of queer-looking dogs, birds and other things that she brought

Miss Yohe's mother said that Miss Yohe was heartbroken and in danger of total collapse. Miss Yohe herself said that she felt bad and also very much hurt, but that she wasn't heartbroken and didn't

A multitude of stories were told yesterday of how Strong disappeared. Miss Yohe told one, Mrs. Yohe told another and Lawyer Friend told others. In all important matters the stories of Miss Yohe and Mr. Friend tally. It is the story here told, with the exception of some of the notable details.

When the pair arrived here on April 23 last on the Kaiserin Maria Theresia, booked as Herr Strong and Frau Strong, they spent a few days in the Hotel de Ville. Then they went to Hastings. Miss Yohé, the actress's mother, has a pretty little house there, and the contents of Miss Yohé's twenty-seven trunks and bags turned it into a typical Japanese home. There the couple decided to live in all the privacy they could get until the months between them and possible

Strong himself told at that time about the contract he had made with the publisher of the *Star*. He said that he had a way of hauling out a bundle of money as big around as a piano leg when anybody attacked his credit. On the steamer Miss Yohé had a way of calling Strong "Patty" and "Dearnie" in public, which he didn't always seem to like. However, they were an affectionate couple.

It was noticed that he no longer spent the evening on the porch with Miss Yohe. Instead he was somewhere down in the wicked city taking a shy at life by are light down in town rumors that Strong and another young woman had been seen much together. Go around, but these rumors didn't give up. Last night and yesterday Miss Yohe pool-poohed the idea that any other woman had out her out and stolen her Captain from her.

Nevertheless, it was noticed that all of Miss Yohe's afternoon walks and drives

and her evening stroll, she took either alone or with her mother. But Strong got back every year for the neighbors saw him in the morning. Miss Voss rejected the idea yesterday that these absences of Strong's indicated a waning interest.

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